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1. On page 1, the status of the related application is to be updated.

On page 15, lines 23 and 25 each use the reference numeral 906 to denote the intermediate section, wherein, the reference numeral 906 has been previously used to denote the upper section. Only one particular reference numeral is to be used to denote a specific element. Correction is required.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:


(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 12-16,20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shapiro in view of Bosworth. Shapiro discloses an apparatus comprising a pleated vane cover 16 each having reattachable fasteners 19 disposed on hem 17. While Shapiro does not disclose the use of selvedge material, Bosworth discloses an apparatus which employs the use of selvedge material 20,21,25,26, wherein, to incorporate this teaching into the apparatus of Shapiro for the purpose of reinforcing the material would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

3. Claims 17-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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4. Claims 1-11,25-39 are allowed.
5. The following prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Nestor, Senesac, Acker et al, Stam, Ronkholz-Tolle, Nien, Marocco, Zak, Forin, Holgate, Bauer et al, Oskam.
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to David M. Purol at telephone number (571) 272-6833.

  
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